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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1298

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 28, 2007
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Communications and Public Safety Answering Points.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Hinkle
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BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: <u>X</u>   GENERAL
                               DEDICATED
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Division of Preparedness and Training within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to develop a training program to standardize the communications codes used by all dispatchers and public safety providers in Indiana by July 1, 2011. The bill requires local governments to consolidate public safety answering points (PSAPs) so that each county contains no more than one PSAP by July 1, 2011.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: About a year ago, dispatchers stopped using the old State Police "10" codes and are now using the "plain language" form of radio communication emphasized by the federal DHS under the National Incident Management System. Consequently, the requirements of the bill should have no significant fiscal impact to the state.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Requiring local governments to consolidate public safety answering points so that each county contains no more than one will reduce expenditures if the consolidation eliminates duplication of efforts and improves efficiencies. The impact will depend on existing structures and could vary by unit.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Police, DHS.

Local Agencies Affected: Law enforcement entities, counties.

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